

Bryant Bulletin

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Staff Spotlight—Mrs. Jodi Foreman



Mrs. Foreman is our amazing Gifted & Talented (GT) teacher! She graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's in Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Foreman has been teaching for 28 years. We asked Mrs. Foreman why she works in education and she shared, "I am a learner. I love learning about new things, places, and people. I want to pass along that love of learning and how to question, find answers or solutions, and then have even more questions to answer. Teaching provides both the ability to pass along that passion to learn more, while learning from my students at the same time." Mrs. Foreman loves to see her students' excitement and enthusiasm for learning! Mrs. Foreman shared one of her

favorite moments in education, "My favorite moments are the 'light bulb' moments. When a student has been working with a problem or idea and it finally makes sense. Their face lights up. They get huge smiles. And then, they are off using that new information and are excited to share!" Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Foreman enjoys camping with her family where they hike, cook over a campfire, bird watch, geo-cache, and even play Pokemon-Go. Mrs. Foreman shared how she fosters care and kindness in her classroom and school wide, "Listening to others-really listening and paying attention to their thoughts, concerns, and worries- is important. I often share my thoughts with the class so they know it is okay for them to do the same. We form a community within the room. When someone is upset, we support him or her. When someone is happy, we celebrate with him or her. When someone is helpful, we appreciate him or her."

We are grateful to have Mrs. Foreman at BES!!

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

Many of our new parents have been asking how Bengal Bucks are used at Bryant. Students receive Bengal Bucks for a wide variety of positive behaviors they exhibit throughout the day. Teachers have privileges students can "buy" with their Bengal Bucks such as a hat day or Shoes off pass for the day. Students can buy these classroom items but they can also save their Bengal Bucks for the Bengal Cart that visits their hallway each month. We will have our first Bengal Cart day on October 25th!! Students can purchase the following: 20 Bengal Bucks=Cart Prize (small toy); 50 Bengal Bucks=Lunch with a Principal (Mrs. O'Leary or Dr. Rhodes), Games with the Counselor, Extra Recess (30 min), Guest host on live morning announcements; 75 Bengal Bucks=Robotics times with Mrs. Casillas; 100 Bengal Bucks=After school party with the Principal (held once in December and once in May). Students have lots of choices and can receive cheaper prizes more quickly or decide to save their Bengal Bucks for larger prizes/opportunities. We look forward to rewarding students for their excellent behavior.

Announcement: Congratulations to 1st Grade for winning the attendance challenge for last week. The 1st Grade attendance rate was 96%!! Each 1st Grader received five Bengal Bucks.

Attention: We are currently looking for a Crossing Guard who can work in the morning and afternoon. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them email me with a letter of interest. williamhrhodes@kатыisd.org

Attention: Our PTA Sponsored Trunk or Treat only has 4 vehicles signed up!! We need way more in order to hold the event. Flyers sent home a couple weeks ago are due tomorrow (Thursday).

FYI: Is your family free tomorrow evening? Are your kids in grades 3-5? If so, check out the Katy ISD STEAM Center tomorrow evening for a Family Steam Night. [Click here](#) for more details.

FYI: This Friday is the National Day on Writing. While we will be celebrating writing here at school, feel free to celebrate at home. "Words are a powerful tool of expression, a means to clarify, explore, inquire, and learn as well as a way to record present moments for the benefit of future generations." –NCTE 2018

FYI: This week's Kindness Crew Challenge is to use kind words. Encourage your student to use kind words.

Reminder: This Friday is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:40pm.

Event Calendar

Friday, October 19

*Early Dismissal, 12:40pm

Monday, October 22

*Report Cards Go Home

*"Rally in Red Against Drugs" - wear red

Tuesday, October 23

*"Slip into a Drug Free Life" - wear slippers (please make sure you have the proper shoes for PE and recess)

*RDR, 3:50 in the LGI

Wednesday, October 24

*50th Day of School

*"Together against bullying. UNITED for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion" – wear orange (some grades will be wearing 50's style clothing on the 50th Day of School...feel free to choose or both!!)

Thursday, October 25

*"Team Up Against Drugs" –wear your favorite team shirt

Friday, October 26

*"We have CHARACTER to Stomp Out Bullying" – dress up like your favorite, inspirational character: past, present, or future (future=what they want to be when they grow up).

*PTA Spirit Store during grade level lunches

*Trunk or Treat, 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, October 31

*College Shirt Day

*Abrakadoodle, 2nd Session Starts.

Wednesday, November 7

*Book Fair, Library

Thursday, November 8

*Book Fair, Library

Friday, November 9

*Book Fair open until 12pm, Library

Office and Other Information

- Click [HERE](#) for the Bryant Website
- Click [HERE](#) for Katy ISD Home Access Center (HAC). Register to gain access to grades, e-news, etc.

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After School Program:

Abakadoodle's **Session II** starts on October 31st! For registration please [sign up here](#). Please note that outside companies rent space at the school and are overseen by the company and its employees. Bryant Staff and Administration are not involved and do not oversee the programs. They have their own method of releasing car riders, etc.

From the Counselor:

As you may know, we earned the distinction of a No Place for Hate campus for the 2017-2018 school year. This designation is quite hard to obtain and many of our Kindness Initiatives helped us gain this distinction. We are now working toward earning the distinction for the 2018-2019 school year. Each year, students are asked to sign a Resolution of Respect. This year, we are hoping to get parents involved too! We want to get parents to sign the resolution of respect also. By having students and parent sign the pledge, we can emphasize to our students that home and school are working together. These Resolutions will be placed in your child's classroom. As you come in for conferences or party days or any time you are in your child's classroom, please take a minute to look over [the pledge](#). You can then sign the Resolution in the classroom. We appreciate your support in helping us strive to be a No Place for Hate campus this school year.

Home to School Connection

SHORT NOTES

Exercise your brain

Your child's brain is like a muscle—the more he uses it, the stronger it will become. Suggest that he give his brain a workout with activities like using his nondominant hand to throw a ball or to color. Learning to speak a foreign language or play a musical instrument are also known brain boosters.

DID YOU KNOW?

If your youngster qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, your family may also be eligible for low-cost internet. Contact local internet providers to find out. In addition, most libraries have computers with internet access. Your child can use them to do research for school or to look up topics she's curious about.

Family talent show

Stage a talent show to help family members appreciate one another's skills. Each person can choose something he likes to do (singing, juggling). Encourage practice time, and choose a night for your event.

Worth quoting

"The world is round so that friendship may encircle it." *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: Jill, name four members of the bear family.

Jill: Mom, dad, sister, and brother!



School Safety

Please do not use your cell phone at ALL during arrival and dismissal when you approach the school signs noting the speed limit or preferably before you reach the signs. This helps ensure you are not distracted and there are less chance for accidents. Anyone can be cited for holding a cell phone while driving in a school zone (including the car rider line).

Information from the PTA

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 26

Make plans to join us for our next family event which will be our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat. This year's theme is "Travel Through Time" and will be held Friday, October 26, 2018 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All items passed out must be wrapped and no home-made treats are allowed. There will be a Trunk Contest for participants AND costume contest for the teachers! Prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both contests.

We are looking for parents to help host a trunk for this great event. We sent flyers home last week with an information sheet that needs to be returned to your child's teacher no later than tomorrow - Thursday, October 18th. Set up will begin at 4:30pm the day of the event, and vehicles will not be allowed after 5:00pm. Trunks must be decorated in past, present or future eras of time.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A this past Monday! We had an amazing crowd and so much fun seeing our school gathered – especially on such a cold and rainy evening. We will be announcing plans for our next Spirit Night soon....stay tuned!

Order a Yearbook Now:

Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 year are now available to pre-order. The cost is \$30.00 until October 26th, with discounts on personalization available. Please [visit this link](#) to place your order.

Website:

Visit the PTA website for up to date information by [clicking here](#).

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